



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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May 3, 2018

Mr. Daniel Johnson  
Vice President - General Manager  
Florence Copper, Inc.  
1575 W. Hunt Highway  
Florence, Arizona 85132

**RE: Approval of Proposed Formation Testing for the PTF  
UIC Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1  
Florence Copper Project, Florence Arizona**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We reviewed the proposed Formation Testing procedures submitted by letter dated March 23, 2018 for aquifer pumping, recovery, and tracer tests to be performed at the Production Test Facility (PTF) at the Florence Copper Project site, Florence, Arizona. This letter provides formal approval of the proposed aquifer testing as outlined in your letter, with the additional tasks agreed to in your email dated May 2, 2018 to Maribeth Greenslade of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Part II.C.8 of the UIC Permit requires the Permittee, Florence Copper, Inc. (FCI), to submit proposed formation testing procedures to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval in accordance with Part II.A.2. Part II.A.2 requires FCI to notify EPA at least thirty (30) days prior to performing the formation testing after EPA approves the plans/procedures to allow EPA an opportunity to arrange to witness the testing.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 972-3971 or contact Nancy Rumrill of my staff at (415) 972-3293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DAVID ALBRIGHT", is written over a horizontal line.

David Albright  
Manager, Drinking Water Protection Section

cc: Maribeth Greenslade, ADEQ